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CHICAGO OUTLET	WMAQ BLUE	NOVEMBER 14, 1941	FRIDAY
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TIME	DATE	DAY	
PRODUCTION			
ANNOUNCER			
ENGINEER	UNCLE SAM'S FOREST RANGERS		
REMARKS			



1. ANNOUNCER: Uncle Sam's Forest Rangers!

2. MUSIC: Theme

3. ANNOUNCER: Last August a bolt of lightning crashed down into the

4. Araphaho National Forest in Colorado and, in one fell

5. swoop, killed 300 sheep. That was a forest tragedy,

6. spectacular, though unpreventable. Less spectacular,

7. perhaps, but far more serious is the tragedy of waste

8. that is taking place in many of our forests today.

9. Unlike the lightning, waste and misuse of our forests

10. can be prevented. Conservationists know that forests

11. can be handled to assure a perpetual supply of timber

12. and other products. They recognize the necessity of

13. maintaining our forest resources, of putting an end,

14. once and for all, to further forest destruction in the

15. United States.

16. Now it's time for another visit to the Pine Cone

17. National Forest. Today we find Ranger Jim Robbins and

18. his assistant Jerry Quick making an inspection of the

19. Al Perkins' timber sale area. There they are:

20. FADE IN SOUND OF CHOPPING, SLIGHTLY OFF, SUSTAIN

21. JERRY: Now here's what I wanted to show you, Jim. This big

22. stump here, and those two right over there.

23. JIM: What's the matter with them? They're cut down below

24. twelve inches. Good job, I'd say.

25. JERRY: Yeah, that may be. But, Jim, they shouldn't have been

cut at all.



1. JIM: Huh?

2. JERRY: These trees were never marked for cutting, Jim. See

3. for yourself. There ain't any blaze and U.S./ Stamp

4. on any of them. They weren't ready for cutting.

5. JIM: H-m-m. You're right, Jerry.

6. JERRY: These three will make more than a dozen trees that Al

7. Perkins is going to have to pay a double stumpage penal

8. penalty on. I've told him so already.

9. JIM: H-m-m.....I can't figure why Al would let his men cut

10. trees that weren't marked, Jerry. He's always been ---

11. mighty careful about that... What's Al had to say about

12. it?

13. JERRY: He's mad as a hornet. Says he talked with his men about

14. it, and they deny cutting the trees. And Perkins

15. sticks up for 'em.

16. JIM: But he got the logs, didn't he? You must have scaled

17. 'em Jerry.

18. JERRY: That's what's got me, Jim. I never seem to find these

19. unmarked stumps 'till after I've scaled all the logs

20. in the area. The fact that there's no U.S. mark on the

21. stump makes it look like maybe I was careless.....

22. JIM: Or else that these trees were cut after you'd scaled

23. in here, huh Jerry?

24.

25.







1. JERRY: Yeah! But, good gravy, Jim, I don't believe Al Perkins  
2. would do a thing like that.....come back and cut out  
3. more trees after we'd checked an area off. I.....  
4. I'd almost be willing to take the rap on carelessness  
5. myself. But still, Perkins must've gotten the logs.  
6. JIM: You say there's been about a dozen oases in all just  
7. like this?  
8. JERRY: Yeah, that's right, Jim. Frankly, it's got me up a  
9. tree. Perkins has been about the best cooperating  
10. purchaser we've ever had dealings with. But, good  
11. gravy, he's bound to have gotten the logs. No-one  
12. else could have.....  
13. JIM: Yeap, looks like it, doesn't it? Say we're pretty close  
14. to our boundary line here, aren't we?  
15. JERRY: Yeah, that's Jed Corbett's land over there. He's been  
16. cutting his timber lately. He's got a little protable  
17. mill over in the next hollow.  
18. JIM: Yeah, I noticed the fresh stumps and the slash over on  
19. his land.....Well, here comes Al. Suppose we talk  
20. some with him about these trees.  
21. AL: (COMING ON) Hello there, Jim.....Oh, some more of  
22. same, huh?  
23. JIM: What's happening to your boys, Al? They getting near-  
24. sighted or something?  
25.



1. AL: Now you listen to me, Jim Robbins. My boys told me  
2. they haven't cut a single stick of timber that wasn't  
3. marked, and I believe them, see? I know this looks  
4. bad and I suppose I'll have to pay double stumpage,  
5. but nobody's goin' to make me believe my boys'd do  
6. this sort of thing.

7. JIM: Whoa there, Al! You sound like you're on a witness  
8. stand. No one's accusin' you of anything. But you  
9. got to admit, all this looks mighty queer.

10. AL: Yeah, it sure does, Jim. This is the first serious run-  
11. in we've ever hce in qll our timber dealings. But, good  
12. gravy, man, you know I'm just as keen as you are about  
13. good cutting practices. Every unmarked stump that Jerry  
14. found here was from a tree that shouldn't have been cut  
15. yet. You can tell from the rings that they were all  
16. sound as a dollar and still growing strong.

17. JIM: Al, you ever had much dealings with Corbett? That's  
18. his land right next to the national forest here.

19. AL: Jed Corbett?

20. JIM: Yeah. Didn't he work for you one time or another?

21. AL: Yes, he did, Jim. But what's Corbett got to do with  
22. what we were just talking about?

23. JIM: What kind of a worker was he, Al?

24. AL: Pretty fair, Jim. But we didn't part the best of  
25. friends especially, this past summer.





1. JERRY: You mean you had to fire him, Mr. Perkins?

2. AL: Yeah, I caught him smoking on the job. Right after

3. you folks banned all smoking in the woods during that

4. dry spell we had....But I don't see what that's got to

5. do with.....

6. JERRY: Jim, you think maybe Corbett.....? Oh no, it couldn't

7. be that, 'cause if the logs were pulled out of our land

8. and over into Corbett's why there'd have to be skid

9. trails. That'd be a dead give away.

10. AL: Say, you fellows think Corbett might've had something to

11. do with these unmarked trees? He wouldn't be as crazy

12. as all that, Jim.

13. JIM: I just don't want to overlook any angles, Al. But to

14. get back to the point you just raised, Jerry.....

15. about skid trails. Look up there a ways.....The timber's

16. been logged on both sides of the boundary line, right up

17. to the line. There's skid trails every which way, up

18. there,.....see?

19. JERRY: That's right, Jim! A man could skid the logs on our side

20. until he got up there and then cross over and nobody'd

21. be the wiser.

22. AL: I'll tell you what, Jim. I'll keep a man in the woods

23. tonight. Just to keep watch. 'cause if these trees

24. are being stolen, it'd have to be at night.

25. JIM: That's a good idea, Al, but in the meantime I think

I'll have a little talk with Corbett.



1. JERRY: His mill's just over that next ridge, Jim.

2. AL: S'pose I go along with you fellows. If Corbett's pulling

3. a trick like this to get me in Dutch with the Forest

4. Service I want to have a talk with him myself.

5. JIM: No, Al.. I think it'd be better if you didn't go along

6. right now. After all, we don't have much to go on and,

7. well, I don't want to go off half-cocked about this

8. thing.

9. JERRY: Yeah. I can't see how we can accuse Corbett in any

10. event. Even if he had some government logs right there

11. at his mill we couldn't prove it. This timber's all

12. pine, and about the same size on his land as it is on

13. the government's.

14. JIM: Just the same, Jerry, I'm going to take a look. But

15. first I want to inspect a couple of those stumps on

16. Corbett's land. He sure cuts his trees high on the

17. stump, (FADE) doesn't he?

18. PAUSE

19. FADE IN SOUND OF SAW, SUSTAIN

20. JERRY: There's Corbett, Jim. Over by that pile of logs.

21. JIM: Yeah. Smiling, ain't he? Almost like he was glad to

22. see us.

23. JERRY: I wouldn't call that a smile. Looks more like a smirk

24. to me. I don't trust that fellow, Jim. Never did.

25. JIM: Well, Corbett and I never have been the best of friends,

exactly. Had a couple run-ins about fire one time and

another.





1. JERRY: I guess hedon't give a hand about woods fires. Al  
2. fired him for the same reason.  
3. JIM: Yeah.....Hello, Corbett.  
4. CORBETT: Howdy, gentlemen.....Glad to see yuh. 'Specially since  
5. we're such close neighbors in the timber business these  
6. days.  
7. JIM: That's right.....Say, You got quite a layout here,  
8. Corbett.  
9. CORB: Yep. Figure to be runnin' here several months yet, 'fore  
10. I get all that timber off.....What you boys got on your  
11. mind, or is it you're jest bein' sociable?  
12. JIM: Well, Jerry and I were just inspecting Perkins operation  
13. on the government land and being this close we thought  
14. we'd drop by.  
15. CORB: Perkins, huh? (SARCASTIC) Nice feller....yeah, a  
16. nice feller.  
17. JIM: You know, Corbett....maybe this is none of my business  
18. but it seems to me you're outting pretty heavy here on  
19. your land. You're not going to have any timber left for  
20. another crop, the rate you're going.  
21. CORBETT: Sure. Might as well clean up while I'm at it.  
22. JERRY: And I was just noticing, Mr. Corbett, you don't have a  
23. spark arrestor on your mill stack. That's kinda  
24. dangerous, isn't it?  
25.

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2 than I do for me a person  
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1. CORB: I see you're training this yound feller pretty good,  
2. Robbins. (SERIOUS) Well, I want to tell you both  
3. something. This is my lind here, and my mill, see?  
4. I'll run 'em both as I see fit.
5. JIM: (MILDLY) We're just interested in not having any more  
6. fires run over to our National Forest land again,  
7. Corbett. You've had several fires in the past.....
8. CORB: We've been all through that before, Robbins. You've  
9. never been able to pin anything on me so there's no use  
10. tryin', see?
11. JIM: I guess you're referrin' to that fire case we had against  
12. you back in 1931.....Yeah, it was just about ten years  
13. ago, wasn't it?
14. CORB: Why don't you fellers just sashay along? We ain't got  
15. much in common. I might a know you wouldn't be coming  
16. over here for a friendly visit.
17. JIM: Well, there's one other thing I wanta mention, Corbett.  
18. There's been some quic goin's on over in Perkins' sale  
19. area.
20. CORB: Well, see Perkins about that. That's his operation,  
21. ain't it?
22. JIM: Seems like some trees have been cut down that shouldn't  
23. have been cut at all. Not according to the way we mark  
24. timber.
25. CORB: Yeah? Well, what's that got to do with me?





1. JIM: Well, I dunno.....Jerry, let me have that marking axe  
 2. you got in your hand.  
 3. CORB: What you aimin' to do?  
 4. JIM: I've been noticin' this pile of logs here, Corbett.  
 5. Mightx interesting logs!  
 6. CORB: Then logs come off my land. Don't you go putting no  
 7. marks on that timer, Robbins. I'm warnin' yuh!  
 8. JIM: As a forest officer, Corbett, I've got a right to seize  
 9. United states government property. Now this log here...  
 10. yeah, this big one. That came off national forest land  
 11. and I'll just stamp that with a U. S. for future reference.  
 12. (SOUND OF AXE BUTT AGAINST LOG) There.....  
 13. CORB: (MAD) Look here now, Jim Robbins.....This'll make you  
 14. plenty of trouble.....  
 15. JERRY: Say, Jim, seems to me you're.....uh.....  
 16. JIM: Wait a minute, Jerry.....Let's see now. Yep. This is  
 17. a government log, too. I'll just mark it (THUD) so's it  
 18. don't get lost....Now....  
 19. CORB: You'll regret this robbins. I'm warnin' yuh. You got no  
 20. way to prove those are government logs you're marking.  
 21. JERRY: Oh, so they are government logs, huh, Mr. Corbett?  
 22. JIM: I'm advisin' you not to saw these logs I'm marking,  
 23. Corbett. You're in bad enough trouble as it is, tres-  
 24. passin' on government property.  
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1-18K: Well, I understand, Jerry, but we have that meeting on  
 2-18K: you and your land.  
 3-18K: What you aiming to do?  
 4-18K: I've been notified this place of 1000 acres, Governor.  
 5-18K: Highly interesting land.  
 6-18K: These lands come out my land. Don't you go getting no  
 7-18K: makes no sense then, Robinson. I'm warning you!  
 8-18K: As a former officer, Governor, I've got a right to advise  
 9-18K: United States Government property. Now this big piece  
 10-18K: land, this big one. That some of national forest land  
 11-18K: and I'll have about 1000 acres with a 1000 acre reserve  
 12-18K: (Sound of axe hitting against log) That's all.  
 13-18K: (Saw) Look here now, Jim Robinson... This'll make you  
 14-18K: plenty to scratch...  
 15-18K: Say, Jim, come on to me you're...  
 16-18K: Well, a minute, Jerry... It's not now. I'm...  
 17-18K: a government job, too. I'll just wait for (THUD) now  
 18-18K: Don't get lost... Now...  
 19-18K: You'll never hear of me Robinson. I'm warning you. You can't  
 20-18K: and to prove there are government jobs you're making  
 21-18K: Oh, so that the government jobs, huh, Mr. Governor?  
 22-18K: I'm advising you not to ask these jobs I'm making.  
 23-18K: Governor, you're in bad enough trouble as it is, I see.  
 24-18K: Please, no government property.



1.CORB: You'll never make it stick in court, Robbins. There  
2. ain't nobody can tell the difference 'tween those logs  
3. you marked and the others in that pile.  
4.JIM: I don't quite agree with you, Corbett. You know somethin  
5. Seems like a prophesy I made back ten years ago has  
6. finally come true. Remember what I told you after you  
7. got off scot free in that fire case? No, you wouldn't  
8. remember. But I do.....  
9.CORB: You're bluffin', Robbins. Well, it won't work. I'm  
10. willin' to go down to the commissioner right now just  
11. to show you up.....again.  
12.JIM: I told you back ten years ago that that fire you set, and  
13. let spread for you land to government land would some  
14. day catch up with you. And it has....  
15.CORB: What....what d'yuh mean?  
16.JIM: That was a bad fire, Corbett. Burned all your land, if  
17. I recollect right. We stopped it before it burned over  
18. much national forest land, though.....But it sure set  
19. your timber back, that fire did. Must have set it back  
20. five years or more.  
21.JERRY: You mean the fire held back the tree growth on Corbett's  
22. land for five years, Jim?  
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1. JIM: At least five years, Jerry. It's in these logs here.
2. Plain as day, the history of that fire. The timber you
3. tood from government land, Corbett, came from an unburned
4. area. It's sound timber, sound as a dollar with no trace
5. of fire damage and no loss of any five years' growth.
6. Here, see these logs I've marked. See? Look at those
7. rings. Stick out like a sore thumb against those logs
8. off your own land, don't they?
9. JERRY: Well, I'll be jiggered.
10. JIM: What do you say, Corbett? You still want to go down to
11. the United States Commissioner's office with me?
12. MUSICAL FINALE
13. ANNOUNCER: Uncle Sam's Forest Rangers comes to you each Friday over
14. the National Farm and Home Hour as a presentation of the
15. National Broadcasting Company with the cooperation of
16. the United States Forest Service.
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